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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

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Programme 3
Disarmament

1. At its 8th meeting, on 21 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 3)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The Committee welcomed the presentation of the narrative of programme 3. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Department for Disarmament Affairs and its efforts in disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation. General support was expressed for the disarmament programme, but it was noted that the report should conform to mandates and the biennial programme plan for the biennium 2006-2007. The view was expressed that the proposed biennial programme plan placed more emphasis on non-proliferation than on disarmament in general, and that the priority of disarmament should be clearly reflected. It was urged that a balance be accorded between weapons of mass destruction and conventional arms, in particular small arms and light weapons and landmines.

4. Concern was expressed that the efforts of the regional centres for peace and disarmament had not been emphasized in the proposed plan. It was indicated that an

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assessment of the work of the centres should be undertaken with a view to determining whether any improvements could be made.

5. The initiative of the Department to increase the use of electronic media for the dissemination and exchange of information, in particular to the general public, was welcomed. The view was expressed that a list of countries that have ratified the disarmament treaties and agreements should be provided. Clarifications were also sought regarding the relationship between the Department and the Conference on Disarmament and coordination between the two entities. The Committee was informed that the secretariat of the Conference, located in Geneva, was part of the Department.

6. The view was expressed that some indicators of achievement were too vague for measuring expected accomplishments. The setting of benchmarks and targets that were realistic and measurable was urged.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 3.2

Revise the paragraph to read: "The mandate for the programme derives from the priorities established in relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions in the field of disarmament, including the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament (resolution S-10/2). The programme is also guided by the United Nations Millennium Declaration (resolution 55/2) and takes into account other relevant resolutions of the United Nations. Weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, continue to be of primary concern to the Organization. Conventional disarmament, especially with regard to major weapons systems, small arms and light weapons and landmines, has received growing attention from the international community over the past few years."

Subprogramme 1
Multilateral negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament

Objective of the Organization

Revise the objective to read: "To support multilateral negotiations and deliberations on agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, and provide support as required by States parties to the existing multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements in those areas".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (a) to read: "(a) Enhanced quality of organizational and substantive services provided to the Conference on Disarmament and to the conferences and meetings of States parties to

various multilateral agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects".

Revise expected accomplishment (b) to read: "(b) Enhanced assistance in the implementation of decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by the conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (c) (i), after the words "Member States", add the words ", in particular developing countries,".

Subprogramme 2
Weapons of mass destruction

Objective of the Organization

Revise the objective to read: "To promote and support the efforts for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects and to assist Member States, at their request, in supporting existing treaties related to weapons of mass destruction".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (b) to read: "(b) Enhanced use by Member States of information on issues relating to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, including new trends and developments, as well as on the potential threat of use of weapons of mass destruction and related materials in terrorist acts".

Revise expected accomplishment (c) to read: "(c) Greater awareness by Member States of the need for gender mainstreaming in the substance and activities of the subprogramme".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator (c) to read: "(c) Increased percentage of female representation in governmental expert panels/groups mandated by the General Assembly and in events organized by the Branch".

Strategy

Paragraph 3.8

Revise subparagraph (c) to read: "(c) Enhancing cooperation in accordance with existing arrangements with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, as well as expanding interaction with civil society, in particular research and academic institutions and non-governmental organizations working in the area of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems".

Subprogramme 3
Conventional arms (including practical disarmament measures)

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator (b) (ii) reading "(ii) Percentage of States providing additional information on procurement from national production and military holdings, pending the development of the Register by Member States", and renumber the subsequent indicator accordingly.

Subprogramme 4
Information and outreach

Indicators of achievement

Renumber indicator (b) as (b) (i) and add a new indicator (b) (ii) reading: "(ii) Owing to proactive measures, increased number of responses from Member States to notes circulated by the Department inviting them to communicate their views on the issues outlined or information requested in relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Subprogramme 5
Regional disarmament

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishments (a), (b) and (c), add the words "in all its aspects" after the word "non-proliferation".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (c), insert the words "in all its aspects" after the word "non-proliferation".

Strategy

Paragraph 3.11

In subparagraphs (a) and (f), include the words "in all its aspects" after the word "non-proliferation".

Revise subparagraph (d) to read: "(d) Supporting national, regional and subregional implementation of existing multilateral instruments and resolutions on disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects".

Legislative mandates

Add the following General Assembly resolution:

56/24 O General and complete disarmament: 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee

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Programme 24
Management and support services

1. At its 9th meeting, on 22 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 24, Management and support services, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 24)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The programme was recognized as being the backbone of the Organization, and the importance of improving the effective and efficient functioning of finance, human resources and support services was raised. The view was expressed that reform is particularly important. It was also noted that while reform has been undertaken over the years, the results have been mitigated and that there is still scope for improvement.

4. The view was expressed that accountability, and in particular that of the Secretariat to Member States, should be more fully reflected in the programme. The report was praised for its drafting and clarity and for reflecting recent legislative changes. However, the need for enhancements to some objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement was pointed out. The role of the

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United Nations Offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi in facilitating inter-agency cooperation in common services was acknowledged.

5. The proposed strategy under the management services component of subprogramme 1, Management services, administration of justice and services to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, focusing on effective communication with Member States and within the Secretariat on policy issues and on monitoring and reporting on the impact of management reforms, was welcomed. At the same time, it was noted that further refinement of the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement would be needed, in particular those relating to procedures, internal controls and best practice standards in order to make them more specific and measurable.

6. Regarding the administration of justice component of subprogramme 1, the view was expressed that the concept of an internal, equitable and effective system of administration of justice was not properly reflected. It was noted that this component, including the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, would need further revisions in the light of the outcome of the review by the Redesign Panel on the United Nations system of administration of justice. Concerns were expressed regarding the establishment of this component under the Department of Management.

7. Regarding services to the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, views were expressed on the technical services to be provided and on how the Secretariat would measure the level of satisfaction of Member States with the work provided by the Secretariat.

8. As concerns subprogramme 2, appreciation was expressed for the important role of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts and its keeping results-based budgeting under review. The view was expressed that the expected accomplishments could be refined to achieve tangible results. Under subprogramme 2 (b), it was pointed out that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Member States and police- and troop-contributing countries, referred to under expected accomplishment (a), are of different levels, that the performance of Member States should not be measured and that indicator of achievement (b) was limited. The view was expressed that subprogramme 2 (c) should reflect efficiency in the recovery of contributions among its expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement.

9. Concerning subprogramme 3, Human resources management, concern was expressed about issues relating to gender balance, gender mainstreaming, and it was pointed out that gender equality was not satisfactory, despite Article 8 of the Charter of the United Nations. The view was expressed that geographical representation complements competence and merit as requirements for staff recruitment and that a high level of competence and professional qualifications is required. The need for a new human resources framework and changes to the objective for organizational development was raised. At the same time, views were expressed regarding the changes between the proposed strategic framework for 2008-2009 and that of 2006-2007, with particular concern as to the legislative mandates for those changes. Concerns were expressed regarding the indicators of achievement relating to length of time required for recruitment, strategic recruitment, staff motivation and satisfaction, and mobility.

10. Regarding subprogramme 4, Support services, the view was expressed that this subprogramme has a vital role to play in supporting the reform of the Organization and that, while progress has been made, improvements are still necessary. Concern was expressed regarding information and communication technology. Notably, the view was expressed that while efficiency and effectiveness were clearly stated as objectives, the indicators were not reflected as such. Clarification was sought on how the new position of Chief Information Technology Officer would be reflected in the strategic framework for information and communication technology services. Concern was expressed that information technology/communication support service in Nairobi appeared inadequate, as shown by technical difficulties in making videoconference connections. Clarification was sought regarding the use of open-source technology and its exclusion as an expected accomplishment or indicator of achievement. Regarding other support services, concern was expressed that enhancing procurement opportunities for developing countries was not included as an objective. Support was expressed for improving the quality of procurement actions and for ensuring that the highest standards of ethical conduct are applied.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. **The Committee noted with concern the use of terminology in the overall orientation and subprogramme 1 that has not been approved by the General Assembly and is not contained in legislative mandates. The Committee recommended that the programme managers be requested to refrain from using terminology that has not been approved by the General Assembly, as well as to ensure that legislative mandates are accurately translated into programmes and subprogrammes, taking into account regulation 4.2 and rule 104.7 (e) of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions on results-based budgeting.**

12. **The Committee noted that the General Assembly will consider reports on human resources management reform and administration of justice at its sixty-first session and recommended that the relevant subprogrammes under programme 24 be kept under review so as to ensure that any decisions of the Assembly that may require revisions to the logical framework are reflected in the revised programme.**

13. **The Committee recommended that the Department of Management be requested to amend the overall orientation and subprogramme 4 to reflect any decisions that the Assembly may take when it considers the report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technology to be submitted in accordance with section II of General Assembly resolution 60/283.**

14. **The Committee stressed that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of subprogramme 4 (a) may require further revisions once the General Assembly, at the first part of its resumed sixty-first session, has received and considered the comprehensive report on investing in information and communication technology, in accordance with its resolutions 60/260 and 60/283.**

15. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 24, Management and support services, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 24.2

Replace the words "58/269 and 60/1" with the words "58/269, 60/1, 60/260 and 60/283".

Paragraph 24.3

In the first sentence, replace the words "including those" with the word "as".

At the end of the paragraph, insert footnote indicator 1, and at the bottom of the page insert footnote 1, reading: "Clients include intergovernmental bodies, Member States, offices within the Secretariat and other United Nations entities, staff members and any other recipients of services and other outputs provided under the programme."

Paragraph 24.4

In the first sentence, replace the words "international best practice standards" with the words "the expectations of Member States as reflected in the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, as well as relevant regulations and rules of the United Nations".

In the second sentence, after the words "programme planning", insert the words "more effective use of results-based management".

Paragraph 24.5

Delete paragraph 24.5 and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

Subprogramme 1
Management services, administration of justice and services to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and to the Committee for Programme and Coordination

(a) Management services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace the text of expected accomplishment (a) with the following: "Improved Secretariat management policies, procedures and internal controls that fully comply with legislative mandates and relevant regulations and rules".

Add a new expected accomplishment (c), reading: "Improved methods, tools and techniques to assess efficiency and productivity in key management and service functions".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a), replace the words "meet or exceed international 'best practices'" with the words "fully comply with legislative mandates and relevant regulations and rules".

Add a new indicator of achievement (c), reading: "Number of benchmarks and other improved methods and tools utilized by the

Secretariat to assess efficiency and productivity and submission of reports to the General Assembly on them".

Strategy

Paragraph 24.8 (former para. 24.9)

In the third sentence, before the words "management reforms", insert the word "approved".

(b) Administration of justice

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace the words "expeditious, consistent and" with the words "fair and effective"; insert the words "human resources" before the word "policies"; and designate the expected accomplishment as (a).

Add a new expected accomplishment (b), reading: "Measures to ensure timely participation of managers in the administration of justice process".

Indicators of achievement

Insert the designation "(a)" before indicator of achievement (i).

In indicator of achievement (a) (iii), insert the words "and concluded" after the words "disposed of".

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (iv), reading: "Reduced time period between judgement of appeals and implementation of appellate decisions".

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (v), reading: "Increased percentage of responses indicating satisfaction with the fairness and effectiveness of the system of internal justice".

Add a new indicator of achievement (b), reading: "Material reduction in delays in or extension of cases resulting from the failure of managers to respond".

Subprogramme 2
Programme planning, budget and accounts

(a) Programme planning and budgeting

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), insert the word "quality" after the word "clarity".

(b) Financial services relating to peacekeeping operations

Expected accomplishments

Replace the text of expected accomplishment (a) with the following: "Improved reporting to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Member States and police- and troop-contributing countries on issues relating to peacekeeping".

Indicators of achievement

Redesignate indicator of achievement (b) as (b) (i) and add a new indicator of achievement (b) (ii), reading: "Increased positive feedback from the peacekeeping missions on the quality of guidance and services rendered".

(c) Treasury services

Expected accomplishments

Replace the text of expected accomplishment (a) with the following: "Continued prudent stewardship of funds."

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management

(a) Operational services

Objective of the Organization

After the words "in the Organization", insert the words "with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution of posts, in particular at senior levels".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), delete the words "system for"; after the word "promotion" insert the words "as well as facilitating greater geographical representation and gender balance of staff".

Indicators of achievement

Replace the text of indicator (a) (ii) with the following: "Increased number of departments that in partnership with the Office of Human Resources Management apply strategic recruitment and achieve recruitment targets towards improving geographic distribution and gender balances".

Add a new indicator (a) (iii), reading: "Increased number of nationals from unrepresented and underrepresented Member States and developing countries in the Secretariat, in particular at senior levels".

Add a new indicator (a) (iv), reading: "Reduction in the average number of days a post remains vacant in the Secretariat".

(b) Organizational development

Objective of the Organization

Replace the existing objective with the following: "To promote organizational culture change in the Secretariat, to build a more versatile and multi-skilled staff and to improve the working environment".

Indicators of achievement

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (a) (i) with the following: "Increased staff participation in learning and career

development programmes managed by the Office of Human Resources Management under this subprogramme".

Subprogramme 4
Support services

(a) Information and communication technology services

Strategy

Paragraph 24.20 (former para. 24.21)

Replace the first sentence of the paragraph with the following: "This subprogramme is the responsibility of the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services under the strategic direction of the Chief Information Technology Officer."

Add a new subparagraph (e), reading: "Promoting the use of open source software in the United Nations Secretariat."

(b) Other support services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment (f), reading: "Improved access and participation of vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in United Nations procurement".

Indicators of achievement

Insert a new indicator of achievement (f), reading: "Increased procurement from vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in United Nations procurement".

B. United Nations Office at Geneva

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management

Indicators of achievement

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (b) (i) with the following: "Increase in the staff mobility index".

C. United Nations Office at Vienna

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management

Indicators of achievement

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (b) (i) with the following: "Increase in the staff mobility index".

D. United Nations Office at Nairobi

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management

Indicators of achievement

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (b) (i) with the following: "Increase in the staff mobility index".

Legislative mandates

Insert the following General Assembly resolutions under the headings indicated:

Overall

59/296	Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues
60/266	Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues
60/283	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide

Subprogramme 1

58/268	Programme planning
60/260	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide
60/283	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide

Subprogramme 2

60/260	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide
60/266	Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues
60/283	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide

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59/296	Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
60/260	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide
60/266	Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues

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59/296	Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues
59/289	Outsourcing practices
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
60/260	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide
60/266	Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues
60/283	Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide

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Programme 12
Human settlements

1. At its 14th meeting, on 24 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 12)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for programme 12 and the work programme was commended.

4. The importance was emphasized of the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in addressing rapid urbanization, slum formation and urban poverty, especially in Africa, where the urban population was growing rapidly. It was noted that the 2005 World Summit Outcome recognized the urgent need for the provision of increased resources for affordable housing and housing-related infrastructure, prioritizing slum prevention and slum upgrading.

5. The United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation and its slum upgrading facility, and the innovative creation of an international funding

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mechanism to help mobilize capital were supported. UN-Habitat efforts in working closely with the African Union in establishing the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the relevant Millennium Development Goals were commended. Support was expressed for the activities aimed at promoting socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns in realizing the twin goals of the Habitat Agenda and the relevant goals of the Millennium Declaration.

6. The view was expressed that coordination and cooperation among partners in the field should be strengthened in small developing countries where the majority of the populations were without decent housing.

7. As indicated in paragraph 12.8, it was noted that the Governing Council of UN-Habitat, at its twenty-first session, scheduled in April 2007, was expected to approve the medium-term strategic and institutional plan, 2008-2013, of the Programme and that changes in programme 12, Human settlements, might be required.

8. Support was expressed for the UN-Habitat work programme under subprogramme 1, on strengthening international cooperation, building capacity and partnerships, promoting land reform, property and housing rights, legislative and regulatory frameworks, urban planning and balanced rural-urban linkages, and in mainstreaming gender throughout its activities to address urban poverty and governance, and for the importance of promoting decentralization and local governance. The view was expressed that in addition to providing housing to the poor, providing such basic services as public transportation, security, energy and drinking water was also necessary. The importance of the global campaigns for mobilizing support and raising awareness about the need to ensure the provision of adequate shelter for the poor was stressed. The view was also expressed that other vulnerable groups, such as indigenous people, should be included as active participants and beneficiaries of the efforts mentioned in the last sentence of paragraph 12.11. The important role of South-South cooperation in the dissemination of best practices, and closer coordination and cooperation by development partners in the field were emphasized. It was also mentioned that migration should be addressed and technical cooperation should be pursued to address slum-dwellers and urbanization.

9. The importance of subprogramme 2 was emphasized. Support was expressed for strengthening the monitoring of the Habitat Agenda and the reporting functions to facilitate the realization of the targets of the relevant Millennium Development Goals and the target on water and sanitation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. Support was also expressed for the important role played by UN-Habitat in filling critical data gaps and in knowledge management and the dissemination of information on human settlements conditions and trends through the Urban Indicators and Best Practices programme.

10. The view was expressed that more precise indicators of achievement should be formulated under subprogramme 4.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Shelter and sustainable human settlements development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In accomplishment (a), insert the phrase "vulnerable groups, particularly" before the words "the poor".

Subprogramme 3
Regional and technical cooperation

Strategy

Paragraph 12.16

In the second sentence, replace the words "Women and youth" with the words, "Women, youth, older persons and persons with disabilities".

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Programme 10
Trade and development

1. At its 13th meeting, on 24 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 10, Trade and development, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 10)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC), which was in accordance with the São Paulo Consensus. The quality of the overall orientation of the programme presented in the proposed biennial programme plan was commended.

4. The view was expressed that the important roles of UNCTAD and ITC through their subprogrammes were recognized. It was noted that those subprogrammes would, inter alia, create better conditions for global trade of developing countries, assist their integration in the world economy and tackle poverty in a manner that enhanced the development opportunities offered by the globalization process, while

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helping to shape international economic relations in the twenty-first century. The role of UNCTAD as the focal point in the United Nations for issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development was also commended. The technical assistance to be rendered to developing countries and countries with economies in transition under subprogrammes 2, 3, 4 and 6 was welcomed.

5. Support was expressed for strengthening the capacity of UNCTAD and its work in three pillars, namely, consensus-building, research and policy analysis, and technical assistance. The view was expressed that the necessary resources should be guaranteed to fulfil its mandate. The view was also expressed that the role of UNCTAD as a think tank should be retained and strengthened. It was indicated that in view of the current situation of WTO negotiations, the Generalized System of Preferences for developing countries must be revitalized. The view was expressed that the programme was too generic, and UNCTAD should strengthen the efforts in promoting South-South trade and fighting forgery and corruption.

6. The efforts of UNCTAD in contributing to the attainment and implementation of the outcomes of recent global conferences were welcomed.

7. The importance of subprogramme 1 was emphasized, in particular in the following areas: capacity-building, poverty reduction and strategies for developing countries' adaptation to the challenges of globalization. Concern was expressed about the effect of globalization on international trade for least developed countries, in particular on the low price of commodities produced by the least developed countries versus the high price of finished products manufactured by developed countries, contributing to poverty conditions. Endorsement was expressed on expected accomplishment (b) of subprogramme 1 with regard to progress towards debt sustainability in developing countries. Support was expressed for the Working Party's view that adequate resources be provided to strengthen UNCTAD activities in its support for the development of the Palestinian economy.

8. With regard to subprogramme 2, support was expressed for the role of UNCTAD in promoting a better understanding of policies that would attract and benefit from foreign direct investment and technology transfer and the development dimension of international agreements. The view was expressed that the work of UNCTAD would foster improved opportunities for enterprises in developing countries and countries with economies in transition to enhance their competitiveness. The role of UNCTAD with regard to the statistics on foreign direct investment worldwide for Africa was noted and the view was expressed that the same should be done for other regions. The importance of the additional words "through effective policy and prudential regulation for expansion of the insurance sector" in expected accomplishment (c) was also noted. The view was expressed that the programme should also aim to strengthen coordination among policymakers to avoid duplication.

9. As to subprogramme 3, the view was expressed that it was important for developing countries to have more access to markets in the developed countries, in particular in agriculture, and it was imperative that developed countries facilitate the process. The view was expressed that the initiative undertaken in paragraph 12 of annex III to conference room paper E/AC.51/2006/CRP.1, regarding the Trade and Development Index, was welcomed, and consideration should be given to improving it, perhaps by increasing the number of countries and factors that were included in the basket of consideration so as to ensure they were not too limited. The view was

expressed that the commodity sector of subprogramme 3 was important to developing countries as well as the efforts to integrate commodity production into development. A query was raised as to how UNCTAD contributed to the stability of commodity prices.

10. Support was expressed for the role of subprogramme 4 in improving the competitiveness in international trade of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including through the use of information technology and human resources development, which might also have high value in regional groups such as MERCOSUR (Common Market of the South) and the South American Community of Nations.

11. The movement of "Development of Africa" from subprogramme 1 to subprogramme 5 was welcomed. Support was expressed for making least developed countries and Africa a priority. The importance of the request of the Working Party "to ensure the integrity of the mandates of all the subprogrammes" was expressed as well as the need to strengthen the development dimension in the implementation of the programmes to ensure a development focus in new initiatives. In that regard, the view was expressed that UNCTAD should have consulted African Governments beforehand. The division of subprogramme 5 into three sections, namely, Development of Africa, Least developed countries and Special programmes was supported, since the three sections promoted their social and economic development.

12. The view was expressed that countries in conflict and post-conflict situations should be taken into consideration in subprogramme 5. A disappointment was also expressed with the programme, which was the sine qua non for developing countries, concerning the lack of trade innovation for small island developing States. The continued focus on Africa and the New Partnership for Africa's Development was welcomed, especially bearing in mind the specific challenges African countries faced in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The importance was emphasized of adding the sentence, "It will contribute to a better understanding of coherence between international economic rules and national policies and development strategies" in paragraph 10.13 of the strategy.

13. The input made by the Working Party on the trade and development programmes, as reflected in annex III to conference room paper E/AC.51/2006/CRP.1, was supported.

14. Support was expressed for subprogramme 6, in particular the objective of ITC, inter alia, to foster sustainable human development and contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the developing and transition economies through trade and international business development. The view was expressed that the involvement of the CARICOM (Caribbean Community) secretariat, the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery and the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, whenever appropriate, was anticipated.

Conclusions and recommendations

15. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 10, Trade and development, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

New paragraph

After paragraph 10.2, insert new paragraph 10.3 as follows and renumber the successive paragraphs accordingly to the end:

"10.3 The work of UNCTAD in its three pillars, namely, research and analysis, consensus-building and technical cooperation, will be strengthened. The independent analytical capacity of UNCTAD will be enhanced to ensure the high quality of research and analysis necessary to address key issues of importance to developing countries. The results of such analysis will support and reinforce its activities in consensus-building and technical cooperation."

Old paragraph 10.3

In the first sentence, replace the words "the eleventh session of UNCTAD" with "UNCTAD XI,".

Delete the word "is" before the words "the examination" and the word "which" after the words "world economy".

Replace the word "principle" with the word "principal".

Add a new sentence before the last sentence to read, "The analytical work on least developed countries will be more effectively mainstreamed."

In the last sentence, replace the word "aforementioned" with the word "foregoing".

Old paragraph 10.6

Replace the first two sentences with the following:

"In an effort to respond better to changing global demand and the required reform of the United Nations, UNCTAD will explore ways and means to contribute effectively to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission, with a view to integrating relevant countries, particularly post-conflict ones, in the global economy. UNCTAD will attempt first of all to take an organic approach that would enable it to address immediately and coherently issues of importance for developing countries facing the global challenges of today. The subprogramme for the development of Africa, least developed countries and countries in special situations intends to strengthen the subprogramme by maximizing the synergies of research and policy analysis and by taking a coherent approach to the issues of concern to those countries."

At the end of the paragraph, add the following phrase: "with a view to enhancing its research and analysis, while maintaining its intellectual integrity and independence".

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Subprogramme 1
Globalization, interdependence and development

Objective of the Organization

Replace the phrase "poverty reduction" with "hunger and poverty eradication".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the phrase "poverty reduction" with "hunger and poverty eradication".

At the end of expected accomplishment (d), add the following: "by strengthening UNCTAD activities in this field through the provision of adequate resources".

Subprogramme 2
Investment, enterprise and technology

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (c), after the words "competitiveness through", insert the words "effective policy and prudential regulation for expansion of the insurance sector,".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (c), replace the word "percentage" with the word "number" and reletter as "(c) (i)".

Add new indicator (c) (ii) to read: "(ii) Increased number of countries indicating effective policy advice and assistance provided by UNCTAD for improving insurance legislation, regulation and sector growth".

Strategy

Old paragraph 10.9

Replace the phrase "and to promote the transfer of technology and innovation" at the end of the paragraph with the phrase "to promote the transfer of technology and innovation and, in the field of insurance, to increase the capacity of developing countries to effectively regulate and upgrade the insurance sector."

Subprogramme 3
International trade

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), insert the phrase "including non-WTO members" before the words "to analyse".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (a), insert the phrase "including non-WTO members" before the word "actively".

Replace indicator (b) (ii) as follows: "Increased number of countries and factors covered by the Trade and Development Index".

In indicator (e), replace the word "action" with the words "results-oriented actions".

Strategy

Old paragraph 10.10

In the third sentence, add the words "in order" after the words "monitored and analysed".

In the fourth sentence, replace the words "capacities and competitiveness" with the words "capacities, competitiveness and diversification".

In the last sentence, add the words "or improvement" after the word "elaboration" and add the phrase "including the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP)" after the words "trade preferences".

Subprogramme 4
Services infrastructure for development, trade efficiency and human resources development

Indicators of achievement

Reletter indicator (c) as "(c) (i)".

Add new indicator (c) (ii) to read:

> **"(c) (ii) Number of government officials trained who consider that paragraph 166 courses (training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda) have significantly contributed to the understanding of key issues on the international economic agenda".**

Strategy

Old paragraph 10.11

After the second sentence, add the following new sentence: "UNCTAD assistance to landlocked countries and their transit neighbours will be strengthened, especially policy advice on transit transport agreements and infrastructure."

After the words "In particular", replace the word "it" with the words "the subprogramme".

In item (e), replace the word "building" with the word "supporting".

Add item (f) to read "(f) strengthening, through increased in-house cooperation and further integration of the work of the train-for-trade programme, the virtual institute, the training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda and other new initiatives."

Subprogramme 5
Least developed countries, Africa and special programmes

Revise the title of subprogramme 5 and its subsection headings to read:

"Subprogramme 5. Africa, least developed countries and special programmes

A. Development of Africa

B. Least developed countries

C. Special programmes".

A. Least developed countries

Reletter subtitle A as subtitle B and retain the name of the subtitle ("Least developed countries").

Shift the logframe (Objective of the Organization, Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat and Indicators of achievement) of old subtitle A to appear below the new titles.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of expected accomplishment (b), add "and the building of capacities for country ownership and implementation of the Action Matrices of the enhanced Integrated Framework".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (b), add the word "enhanced" before the words "Integrated Framework".

B. Development of Africa

Reletter subtitle B as subtitle A and retain the name of the subtitle ("Development of Africa").

Shift the logframe (Objective of the Organization, Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat and Indicators of achievement) of old subtitle B to appear below the new titles.

Strategy

Old paragraph 10.12

Renumber the paragraph as 10.14.

Replace the first sentence with "The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes." In the second sentence, replace the words "through research" with the words "by carrying out research", and add the word "providing" before the words "technical assistance".

Strategy

Old paragraph 10.13

In the first sentence, replace the words "for Least Developed Countries, Africa and Special Programmes" with the words "Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes". In the second sentence, replace the word "It" with the words "The subprogramme". Add a new sentence before the last one to read "It will contribute to a better understanding of coherence between international economic rules and national policies and development strategies."

C. Special programmes

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) as follows:

"(a) Enhanced international cooperation to implement the Almaty Programme of Action: addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries, and to improve the effective participation of landlocked developing countries, as well as other groups of countries mentioned in paragraph 33 of the São Paulo Consensus, in the global trading system".

Strategy

Old paragraph 10.14

Renumber as paragraph 10.15.

In the first sentence, replace the words "Least Developed Countries, Africa" with the words "Africa, Least Developed Countries".

Add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "The subprogramme, through mainstreaming, will enhance the work on structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies, as stated in paragraph 33 of the São Paulo Consensus."

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Programme 20
International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

1. At its 16th meeting, on 28 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 20, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 20)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Appreciation was expressed for the proposed strategic framework and for the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in ensuring the protection of, assistance to, and the search for durable solutions for refugees. Another view was expressed that the proposed strategic framework did not adequately address the situation of stateless persons. In that connection, it was pointed out that the situation of stateless persons was a problem that needed urgent attention.

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4. The view was expressed that, because of the great importance accorded to the programme, full support should be provided to the work of UNHCR to ensure that it and its partners comprehensively addressed the protection needs of refugees, asylum-seekers, returnees, stateless persons and internally displaced persons, and in particular the special needs of refugee women, elderly refugees and refugee children and adolescents.

5. The continued emphasis of UNHCR on improving efficiency, transparency and accountability, especially through the institutionalization of results-based management, was underlined, and support for the results of the Project Profile registration system currently in place in UNHCR was expressed.

6. Support was expressed for the format of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 and it was observed that, aside from the merger of the two subprogrammes approved for the biennium 2006-2007 into one, the name of the programme had also been changed.

7. The view was expressed that balance was needed in terms of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement in order to fully reflect both protection of and assistance to refugees in the work of UNHCR. In that connection, the view was also expressed that "assistance" should be outlined in more measurable terms.

8. With regard to expected accomplishment (a), clarification was sought on the term "enhanced international protection regime", to better understand whether it indicated the introduction of a new protocol, convention, mandate, or other, or whether it was simply intended to strengthen the implementation of the existing protection regime. Concerning expected accomplishments (c) and (d), it was observed that improvements could be introduced to the proposed language.

9. The view was expressed that strengthening the local capacity of countries hosting refugees and the corresponding role of UNHCR in assisting those countries to cope remained of great importance, and clarification was sought as to what that assistance entailed.

10. It was also observed that some countries had been hosts to large numbers of refugees and, in that regard, appreciation was expressed to UNHCR for the assistance provided in responding to the influx of refugees in those countries. In that connection, clarification was sought as to how UNHCR anticipated strengthening host country capacity in providing quality asylum. The view was expressed that many host countries suffered from severe poverty and were faced with the challenge of receiving refugees who were themselves living in extreme poverty, which led to feelings of frustration and potential conflict between host countries and refugees. For that reason, it was observed that strengthening the local capacity remained of great importance and that UNHCR should be provided with the financial resources to carry out its mandate adequately.

11. The view was expressed that all relevant legislative mandates concerning refugees had been properly reflected in the proposed strategic framework. However, clarification was sought for the phrase "all persons of concern to UNHCR" (expected accomplishment (b)) and its significance.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 20, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:

Objective of the Organization

At the end of the paragraph, add the following: "from the outset of an emergency until such time as the beneficiaries have been successfully reintegrated into their communities of origin"

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the words "protection regime, including its implementation at the national level" with the words "cooperation in the protection of refugees and others of concern".

At the end of expected accomplishment (d), add the following: "to assist refugees and others of concern to UNHCR in a spirit of burden-sharing and international solidarity"

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) reading: "(e) Progress in helping host countries in the provision of assistance to refugees and others of concern to UNHCR and in strengthening their local capacity to cope with related issues".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (a)(ii), after the words "Strengthened host country capacity", insert the words ", upon request".

Replace indicator (a)(iii) with the following: "(iii) More efficient processing of refugee status determination".

Add a new indicator (b)(vi) reading: "(vi) Increased number of primary health-care facilities per 10,000 refugees established by UNHCR, as well as other quantifiable improvements brought about with the assistance of UNHCR to meet basic needs of refugees and others of concern to UNHCR".

In indicator (c)(ii), after the words "forced displacement", add the words "in the framework of programmes of voluntary repatriation to the countries of origin".

Replace the text of indicator (d)(iii) with the following: "(iii) Increased number of coordinated initiatives of relevant United Nations agencies aimed at addressing needs of refugees or returnees and the surrounding communities".

Add a new indicator (d)(iv) reading: "(iv) Number of Government agencies involved in the support of countries hosting/reintegrating refugees in accordance with the UNHCR strategy of repatriation, reintegration, rehabilitation and reconstruction".

Add a new indicator (e) reading: "(e) Number of countries assisted by UNHCR to provide assistance to refugees and others of concern to UNHCR and to strengthen their capacity to cope with related issues".

Strategy

Paragraph 20.8

At the end of the paragraph, add the following: "UNHCR will also focus on the establishment of so-called "4R" programmes for returnees and internally displaced persons of concern to UNHCR, to ensure the linkages between repatriation, reintegration, rehabilitation and reconstruction".

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Programme 22
Humanitarian assistance

1. At its 17th meeting, on 28 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 22, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 22)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support and appreciation were expressed for the important and invaluable role played by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the delivery of emergency humanitarian relief and assistance. It was emphasized that humanitarian assistance was an important area where the United Nations played a critical role, as evidenced in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami. Appreciation was expressed for the United Nations role in providing emergency relief and assistance to the victims of disasters, especially the victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

4. It was emphasized that coordination within and outside the United Nations system was important, in terms of both actions and resources, for effective and timely response to humanitarian emergencies. The view was expressed that effective

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coordination among the United Nations system organizations, international organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, national authorities, the donor community and the private sector was important not only to ensure coherent, coordinated and timely delivery of humanitarian assistance, but also to avoid duplication of efforts, overlapping and competition for resources among providers of humanitarian assistance. Concern was expressed that coordination efforts to deal with disasters were inadequate, and support was expressed for the further strengthening of the coordination role of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

5. It was pointed out that concerted action was required on the part of all stakeholders to address humanitarian disasters wherever they occurred. It was emphasized that early warning, contingency planning and proactive measures were vital for timely response to disasters. Views were expressed in support of national Governments' efforts in providing humanitarian assistance. The view was also expressed that the capacity of disaster-prone countries to deal with disasters should be strengthened. It was observed that impartiality was important in the provision of humanitarian assistance and should be respected.

6. The establishment of the Central Emergency Response Fund was welcomed, and the hope was expressed that its resources would augment and maximize the resources made available for humanitarian assistance.

7. Concern was expressed that a vast majority of the activities of the Office were funded from voluntary contributions. It was observed that the financial base of the Office needed augmentation from alternative sources of funding.

8. It was observed that the terms "emergency" and "recovery" should be clarified.

9. It was indicated that some of the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further improvement and refinement.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 22, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 22.2

In the first sentence of the paragraph, after the words "natural disaster", insert the word "risk".

Replace the last sentence of the paragraph with the following: "Within the United Nations system, the principal responsibility for the coordination and promotion of disaster risk reduction activities resides with the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, while responsibility for the implementation of the Strategy resides with the United Nations system organizations in accordance with their respective mandates."

Subprogramme 1
Policy and analysis

Expected accomplishments

At the end of expected accomplishment (c), insert the words "upon the requests of national Governments".

Indicators of achievement

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (c) (i) with the following: "The number of resident coordinators/humanitarian coordinators trained in the application of guidelines on the protection of civilians".

Strategy

Paragraph 22.4

Replace the words "humanitarian principles, including those recognized in resolution 46/182" with the words "guiding principles as contained in the annex to resolution 46/182".

Paragraph 22.6

In the first sentence, replace the word "Branch" with the words "Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs".

Subprogramme 2
Coordination of humanitarian action and emergency response

Expected accomplishments

In expected accomplishment (c), replace the words "mainstreaming a gender perspective" with the words "addressing the special needs of women and children".

In expected accomplishment (e), replace the word "emerging" with the word "new".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a), before the words "coordination mechanisms" insert the words "effective resource"; delete the words "including the deployment of humanitarian coordination personnel in the field at the onset of an emergency, within five days".

In indicator of achievement (c), after the words, "needs of women", insert the words "and children".

At the end of the indicator of achievement (d) (i), insert the words ", in particular the Secretary-General's note of guidance on integrated missions dated 9 February 2006".

Add a new indicator of achievement (e) (iii), reading: "Agreed priority needs and programmes funded through CERF in a timely manner".

In indicator of achievement (f), after the words "International assistance", insert the words "as well as efficient coordination of international relief efforts".

Strategy

Paragraph 22.8

At the end of the paragraph, replace the words "principles of humanity, neutrality and impartiality, as contained in resolution 46/182" with the words "guiding principles as contained in the annex to resolution 46/182".

Paragraph 22.9

At the end of the paragraph, insert the words "as a basis to further improve the process of designing relevant emergency response programmes, policies and guidance".

Subprogramme 3
Natural disaster reduction

Objective of the Organization

Replace the word "reduce" with the words "provide leadership and build partnerships in reducing".

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (b) (iii), reading: "Number of countries with effective and functioning national coordination mechanisms in place".

At the end of indicator of achievement (c) (i), insert the words "and other relevant stakeholders".

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (d) with the following: "Global amount of disaster risk reduction activities financed by all relevant stakeholders."

Subprogramme 4
Emergency support services

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (c), replace the words "every major disaster" with the word "disasters".

Subprogramme 5
Humanitarian emergency information and advocacy

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement as (b) (iii), reading: "Increased use of inter-agency early warning/early action mechanisms resulting in an increase in the number of United Nations country team contingency plans for humanitarian emergencies".

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Programme 27
Safety and security

1. At its 10th meeting, on 22 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 27, Safety and security, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 27)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the programme, including recognition of the importance of its activities. The presentation of the programme was commended and the merging of the previous two subprogrammes into one subprogramme was welcomed.

4. The view was expressed that the security and safety of personnel in peacekeeping missions was of crucial importance. It was pointed out that cooperation between the Department of Safety and Security, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to protect personnel in the peacekeeping missions should be addressed in the programme. The view was expressed that the result-based framework contained in

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the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations could be cross-referenced in subprogramme 2 (a). The importance of continued collaboration between the United Nations and agencies, funds and programmes and coordination between Headquarters and regional commissions was highlighted.

5. Regarding subprogramme 1, Security and safety coordination, views were expressed regarding whether one indicator of achievement for (b) is sufficient to measure the expected accomplishment of enhancing the coordination of security arrangements at United Nations headquarters locations and regional commissions. Further, clarification was sought with respect to "personal protection operations" in indicator of achievement (b), the meaning of "unauthorized entry" in indicator of achievement (a) (ii) and the procedure for action in cases where a staff member is threatened. The view was expressed that the security responsibilities of the host country were not reflected in the programme.

6. Regarding subprogramme 2, Regional field coordination and support, a question was raised concerning the selection criteria for security personnel. For subprogramme 2 (a), clarification was sought with respect to the threat and risk analyses referred to in indicator of achievement (a) (i) on how to achieve the expanded field support referred to in indicator of achievement (c) (ii). For subprogramme 2 (b), clarification was sought with regard to the meaning of "multiple clients" and "United Nations security management system" in the objective of the Organization.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 27, Safety and security, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modification:**

Subprogramme 1
Security and safety coordination

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b), after the word "coordinated", insert the words "across United Nations headquarters locations and regional commissions"